

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2010 was estimated at 160,000 head, up 10,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory was estimated at 95,000 head, up 5,000 head from January 1, 2009. Market sheep and lamb inventory, at 65,000 head, increased by 5,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2009 were 62,000 head, a decrease of 19,000 from 2008. Average prices received by

sheep operators in 2009 were \$35.00 per hundredweight for sheep, up \$1.00 from 2008, and \$96.00 per hundredweight for lambs, unchanged from 2008. Cash receipts totaled \$4.66 million, down 24 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices were down 5 cents from last year to 25 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$188,000, down \$37,000 from the previous year.

Sheep: By Class, and Farm Value

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	----- January 1 -----						
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	60	58	64	70	76	75	75
Rams	3	4	5	5	6	6	6
Replacement lambs	6	8	11	12	8	9	14
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	50	45	45	53	65	60	65
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	119	115	125	140	155	150	160
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	126	136	141	140	146	153	147
Total (1,000 Dollars)	14,994	15,640	17,625	19,600	22,630	22,950	23,520

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	119	115	125	140	155	150	160
Lamb crop	50	48	48	50	47	50	3/
In-shipments	64	67	51	49	49	42	3/
Marketings 2/							
Sheep	12	12	24	19	20	16	3/
Lambs	89	74	41	45	61	46	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	13	13	13	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	3	3	3	3	3	3/
Lambs	2	3	3	4	4	4	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until April 2011.

Sheep and Lambs: Production and Income

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Production (1,000 Pounds) ^{1/}	3,540	4,792	4,673	4,322	4,163	3,822	4,149
Marketings (1,000 Pounds) ^{2/}	10,224	10,108	8,653	7,024	6,525	8,100	6,210
Average price per 100 Pounds (Dollars)							
Sheep	38.00	40.00	45.00	38.00	36.00	34.00	35.00
Lambs	89.00	95.00	105.00	90.00	95.00	96.00	96.00
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	3,010	4,331	4,550	3,418	3,358	3,314	3,566
Cash receipts (1,000 Dollars) ^{3/}	8,832	8,738	8,142	4,687	4,685	6,102	4,644
Value of home consumption (1,000 Dollars)	1,171	991	1,400	1,025	1,084	1,094	1,138
Gross income (1,000 Dollars)	10,003	9,729	9,542	5,712	5,769	7,196	5,782

^{1/} Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

^{2/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within Arizona.

^{3/} Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

Wool: Production and Value

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All sheep shorn (1,000 Head)	90	100	110	120	120	125
Weight per fleece (Pounds)	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.0
Shorn wool production (1,000 Pounds)	580	620	680	750	750	750
Average price per pound (Cents)	30	30	35	34	30	25
Value of production (1,000 Dollars) ^{1/}	174	168	238	255	225	188

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

